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**Applicants:** Simon Foote, et al.

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**For:** NUCLEIC ACID DIAGNOSTICS BASED  
ON MASS SPECTROMETRY OR MASS  
SEPARATION AND BASE SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE

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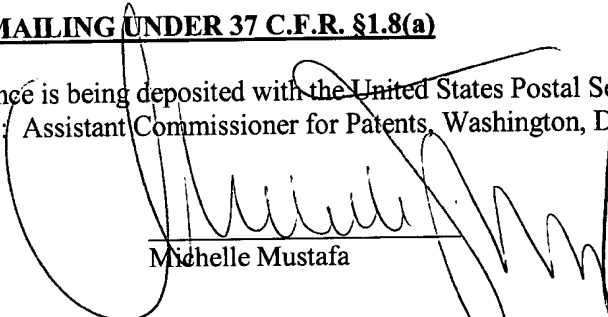
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In response to the Final Action dated March 20, 2002 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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